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Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY A HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES TAX CREDIT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to conduct a study of the feasibility and potential benefits of providing
3 a housing opportunity tax credit to landlords who offer housing to
4 formerly incarcerated individuals. For the purposes of this section,
5 such tax credit would be applicable against any state income tax owed
6 by a landlord and would be equal to twenty-five per cent of the rental
7 income a landlord receives from any tenant who is a formerly
8 incarcerated individual. The task force shall consider the following in
9 its study:
- 10 (1) The potential impact of such tax credit on the availability of
11 housing for formerly incarcerated individuals;
- 12 (2) The potential financial benefits to landlords who provide
13 housing to formerly incarcerated individuals;
- 14 (3) The potential impact of such tax credit on recidivism rates of

15 formerly incarcerated individuals and the potential financial benefits
16 to the state resulting from any such reduced recidivism rates;

17 (4) The potential administrative costs associated with implementing
18 the tax credit program; and

19 (5) The best practices for implementing a housing opportunity tax
20 credit program.

21 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

22 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
23 one of whom is a formerly incarcerated individual;

24 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
25 of whom is a representative of a nonprofit entity that provides housing
26 services;

27 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
28 Representatives;

29 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

30 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
31 Representatives, who is a landlord;

32 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a
33 representative of a nonprofit entity that provides services to formerly
34 incarcerated individuals;

35 (7) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;

36 (8) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, or the commissioner's
37 designee; and

38 (9) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's
39 designee.

40 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),

41 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
42 of the General Assembly.

43 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
44 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
45 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

46 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
47 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
48 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
49 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
50 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

51 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
52 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing
53 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

54 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a
55 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
56 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
57 relating to housing, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
58 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
59 submits such report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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